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NEW EXTENSION

Of Interstate Railroad Down Guest River Commenced.

The Interstate Railroad Company proposes to build an extension connecting with its present main line, in East Norton, and extending down Guest River, through Maytown, to a connection with the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway at the mouth of Guest River, and will establish an interchange yard with the C. O. & O. Railway at a point approximately one mile south of the mouth of Guest River. The extension will approximate a distance of 18 miles, and the passing and yard tracks will increase the total mileage of the extension approximately six miles. In other words, the construction work in prospect contemplates the building of approximately 24 miles of railroad.

There will be three tunnels on the extension—one to be known as the Big Loop Tunnel, about five miles east of Norton, another at Maytown, and another to be known as the Beverly tunnel, to be located between Maytown and the mouth of Guest River.

The extension will be modern in all respects, will be laid with ninety-pound steel rail, and the sixteen bridges will be all steel structure E-60 design capable of carrying a capacity of two hundred tons.

The contract for this work was let to the Brooks-Callaway Company, of Atlanta, Ga., on June 11th, and work of construction is to begin immediately, and the grading, masonry, etc., covered by the contract, is to be completed by September 1st, 1922. It is expected that the extension will be fully completed, and ready for operation by January 1st, 1923.

This extension will not go directly through the town of Coeburn. The Interstate Railroad station will be located in what is known as Maytown, and will be approximately one mile distant from the Norfolk & Western Railway's depot at Coeburn.

The contractor is obligated to start three construction gangs on this work immediately—one to be located at the mouth of Guest River, another to be located at Maytown, and another to be located at Norton. These three gangs will work in the direction of each other, so as to expedite the work in every possible way. It is expected that the contractor will have at least six steam shovels working at one and the same time, and the work of construction will necessitate a force of from 200 to 300 laborers, in addition to the supervisory forces.

The present operated mileage of the Interstate Railroad approximates 55 miles. The mileage involved in this additional extension will make the total main line mileage of the Interstate Railroad 73 miles.

The building of this extension will give the Interstate Railroad direct connection with the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway, and this will serve to materially expedite the handling of traffic, especially coal and coke, originating at points on the Interstate Railroad and destined to Charleston, S. C., for export and bunk-

erage purposes, and to the entire Carolina territory.

The completion of this extension to a connection with the C. O. & O. Railway gives the Interstate Railroad direct connection with four trunk lines, and thereby materially increases the importance of the Interstate Railroad as a common carrier.

It is expected that the building of this extension will stimulate considerable additional development of coal properties now traversed by the Interstate Railroad. While under normal conditions, the production of coal from mines already in operation on the Interstate Railroad approximates 2,500,000 tons per annum, it is confidently expected that, within a short time after completion of this extension, there will have been such additional developments on the Interstate Railroad as to increase the present production to the extent of 1,500,000 tons per annum.

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LADY HONORED

Mrs. J. F. Bullitt, Jr., Nominated for Queen of Virginia Historical Pageant.

Richmond, Va., June 23.—Mrs. E. Burnham Smith, chairman of Fluvanna chapter, American Red Cross, nominated Mrs. Joshua Frye Bullitt, Jr., of Big Stone Gap, for queen of the Virginia Historical Pageant. Concerning her nomination she writes:

I take great pleasure in nominating for the queen of the Virginia Historical Pageant Mrs. Joshua Frye Bullitt, Jr., of Big Stone Gap, feeling sure that her charming personality and great historic ability will make her a most fitting queen. Mrs. Bullitt was Margaret Pettit, daughter of Col. L. O. Pettit, and a grand-daughter of Gen. Rufus A. Ayers and the late Col. William B. Pettit, both distinguished members of the Virginia Constitutional Convention, 1901. On both maternal and paternal sides her ancestors were members of the House of Burgesses.

Mrs. Bullitt has a wonderful mezzo-soprano voice and was studying for grand opera under Minetti when the war came on, but, like so many of our young girls, who fell captive to the charms of the soldier boy and married Lieutenant Bullitt, of the aviation service. She gave much of her time and talent to the Red Cross. With her charm of manner, her varied accomplishments, her great beauty, she is a Virginia queen.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. BURNHAM SMITH,
Chm. Fluvanna Chapter, A. R. C.

Slomp Will Have Reunion of Four of His Namesakes.

Washington, June 23.—There is to be a gathering of the Bascom Slomps at Big Stone Gap, Virginia, next week, when Representative C. Bascom Slomp will have an open house for four Slomp youngsters named after him.

These youngsters, aged 15, 13, 6 and 4, all named after the congressman, are the sons of R. L. Slomp, of Smyth county; Frank Slomp, of Kentucky; Campbell Slomp, of Wise county; and H. L. Slomp, deceased, formerly of Lee county. He is also inviting Campbell Slomp, his nephew, whose grandfather was in Congress, to be present.

Mr. Slomp is going to take a week or ten days off and has sent invitations to his five namesakes to come to Big Stone Gap to spend a vacation with him.

Great Revival

At Norton Being Attended by People From All Parts of This Section.

The great Wise county evangelistic campaign now going on at Norton in the large tabernacle built especially for the purpose, is largely attended by people from all parts of Wise and adjoining counties, and great interest is being taken in the meetings, and although it has been going on only a little more than a week a large number have already "hit the saw dust trail," and the number is increasing with each meeting. The people of this section have already felt in love with Mr. Sunday and his entire party and nothing but the greatest of praise is heard for them. His sermons are very interesting and their effect can already be seen in the different communities.

Under the noble work of Mrs. Asher and Miss Kinney prayer meetings and other forms of spiritual work among the people have been organized in the different towns and much interest is being taken in them.

At the services on Saturday night and Sunday morning and afternoon the large tabernacle, which seats about five thousand people, was almost filled to its capacity, which were made up of people from every section of Wise county, and many were there from Russell, Tazewell, Lee and Scott counties, and Mr. Sunday says the people are the most attentive of any meeting he ever held. These meetings are absolutely free and no admission of any kind is charged.

A rumor was circulated last week, no doubt by enemies of the meeting, that an admission fee was charged and this no doubt has kept many away from the services, especially those in the back sections of the county. The finance committee having in charge the raising of money sufficient to pay for the tabernacle and two-thirds of the expense of the Sunday party, have been taking up a collection at each meeting for this purpose, but all contributions were voluntary and no one was asked to contribute one cent who did not desire to do so, but this amount, we understand, has been raised and no more requests will be made for money. The only money that Mr. Sunday accepts for his services is a free-will offering taken on the last night of the meeting. The idea that he requires pay in advance for his services is absolutely erroneous. Mr. Sunday is preaching to save souls and not for money, and no one who hears him and the earnest pleas he makes for every one to live a better life, can doubt for one minute but that his whole heart is in the work, and as we said last week we believe he is doing more to uplift humanity than any other living man. Go to hear him once and you will want to hear him again.

On July fourth (next Monday) Mr. Sunday will deliver a patriotic address in the tabernacle at 10:30 in the morning. He always delivers an address of this kind on this date and every one who can possibly do so should go to hear him. We are sure it will be well worth your time.

While a large number of people from Big Stone Gap have

been attending these meetings the number is not as large as it should be. You should go every time you possibly can and it will do you good, no matter what your religious opinions may be. The services are held every day at 10:30 in the morning and 7:30 at night except Monday, which is Mr. Sunday's rest day when no services are held. On Sunday in addition to the morning and night services he preaches at 2:30 in the afternoon. The meeting will continue until Sunday night, July 17th. Go to hear him.

The Pound Gap Road

To Be Among Important Ones Built Next Year.

Henry Pfening, Jr., M. A. Dunlap and Lewis E. Harvie, three of the Letcher county road commissioners, went to Wise Tuesday, June 14 to hold a joint meeting with the Wise county supervisors. The purpose of this meeting was to devise ways and means for the construction, without further delay, of a modern road to connect Jenkins with the Wise county road system at Pound, Va.

"Squire W. H. Carter, N. T. Preston, Judge Harry L. Moore and John W. Wright, from Letcher county, accompanied the commissioners.

It developed at the meeting that Letcher county had funds available at present for the construction of that part of this road lying in Letcher county, but as this section of road is not a part of the Kentucky highway system, no part of the bonds now in the hands of the commission could be used for that purpose.

The state highway engineer has assured the Letcher county road commission that he will recommend that this section of the road be made a part of the Kentucky highway system, and as soon as the Legislature convenes in January, next, the road commission will undertake to have the necessary legislation enacted.

The Virginia highway commission has made provision for a road leading to Pound Gap as a part of their state highway system, but no funds will be available until the early part of 1922, for its construction. The surveyors of the Virginia highway commission have completed their survey from Pound Gap across to Pound, Va.

The Letcher county road commission will have this section of road surveyed and its approximate cost determined as soon as more pressing surveying has been done.

It therefore appears that Letcher county and Wise county will both be able to begin the construction of that part of this road lying in the respective counties, in the early part of 1922, and the two boards have assured each other that everything possible will be done to begin and complete this road in 1922.

J. S. Bentley, field engineer for the Kentucky highway commission, who has been surveying the section of road leading from Jenkins to Fleming, reports he has only a day or two more of field work, and that by the first of July he will have his complete notes in the hands of the state highway commission at Frankfort. He expects to begin the survey of the section of road leading from Mayking to mouth of Colly Creek on or about the first of July.—Whitesburg Eagle.

NOTICE!

Big Stone Gap license for all trucks, passenger and private automobiles for the ensuing twelve months, will be due July 1st. Call on me at once, pay the license tax and get your tag
P. H. KENNEDY,
Treasurer.

Norton to Celebrate

American Legion as Special Guests—Billy Speaks on Patriotism.

Norton, Va., June 25.—The greatest Fourth of July celebration ever attempted in the city will be staged this year with the able assistance of our distinguished guest Billy Sunday. The event will start off with a great parade beginning at 9:30 a. m. sharp. At the close of the parade Billy Sunday will give a special patriotic address at the tabernacle under the auspices of the American Legion and the World War veterans. Billy says that he has a special bunch of fire works to set off under some of our Bolshevik and red flag propagandists. This one meeting will be the most important and interesting ever held in Wise county in connection with a celebration. Leaders of the American Legion are requested to get in touch with Major Rice Youell, of Norton, for information in regard to legion participation.

The afternoon program, which has been tentatively arranged, will include battle royal, tug of war, wrestling, boxing and last and most important of all a base ball game between Norton and Stonegap, umpired by Billy Sunday. Several of the Sunday day party will be in the Norton line-up and a great time for all will be ready for those who are fortunate enough to get into the ball park.

The Norton concert band will be out in all its glad rags to furnish music for the occasion. This insures the last word in up-to-date band music and those who love to hear the strains of most popular airs will be given a real treat.

Committee in charge of the celebration are as follows: John L. Turner, chairman; W. B. Ford, R. Bruce Crawford and John Ed Pearce, advertising; J. K. Taggart, transportation; Frank D. Kitts, music; C. R. Pepper, base ball; C. H. Dickey, grounds; J. M. Skaggs, concessions; T. V. Brennan, R. W. Eland and J. L. Turner, amusements.

The good people of Norton are asked to be in readiness to cooperate in making this event enjoyable for every one who comes and people of the county are assured that the late key is out to them and the committee in charge will do everything necessary to show the great crowd a big time.

Moonlight Picnic.

On last Tuesday night the Sunday school class of Mrs. J. C. Gibson, and their invited guests, went on a moonlight picnic to Blue Springs.

The party assembled at Fuller Bros' store and went in hay trucks to Blue Springs, where a bountiful luncheon was spread and games were played.

Those enjoying the picnic, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gibson, were: Misses Bonnie Lyon, Martha and Katie Brooks, Mary and Rachel Breeding, Louise Stradley, Ruth, Esther and Loretta Doub, Lammie Mainous, Kitty Hollomon, Fanna and Eula Mullins, Fanna and Naomi Jones, Annie McKinney, Addie Rowland, Iris Hilton, Stickley, Wynn, Katye and Estelle Carter, Rosa Mae and Joe Gibson, Essie Carpenter and Mrs. Goff. The boys were: Jimmie Donaldson, Carl Esight, Claude Carson, John and Henry Stradley, John Gilchrist, Johnny Jones, Mr. Farmer, John Bardsley, W. F. Freeman, J. A. Gardner, Bob Markle, Terrell Quinn, Morton King, Verna Ivester, Mr. Williams, Carter McKinney, Tom Willis, Arch Mainous, Jim Tompleton, Victor Doub and Hugh Hutchins.—Independent.

The devil knows his own, but we strongly suspect that he is averse to an intimate acquaintance with some of them.

Brutal Murder

Josh Sword Was Found Lying in a Pool of Blood in His Own Cabin.

Jonesville, Va., June 24.—Probably the most atrocious and brutal murder that was ever committed in Lee county was committed on Wallen's creek, near Jonesville, on Monday night of last week. John Sword, who had been living alone for years, and who was known to have considerable money on his person at all times, was shot three times and beaten with a hoe or other heavy weapon about midnight, the result of which was instant death. The deceased was not found until early next morning, when he was found lying in a pool of blood in his own cabin.

One of the pockets of his trousers was cut away, and the money extracted therefrom, but in some of the other pockets of his clothes the money concealed therein had not been taken. Evidence of a great struggle was everywhere apparent, there being bloodstains on the door-shutter and on the porch leading into the hut. It is evident that there was two of the attacking party as shown by the tracks leading from the scene of the murder. A great deal of interest has been aroused over this dastardly crime and a reward of \$500 has been authorized by L. M. Robinette, commonwealth's attorney for Lee county, for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who committed the murder. It is generally believed that the culprits lived in the neighborhood where the crime was committed, and while no arrests have been made, two men are under close surveillance, and arrests may be expected at any time.

Theatrical.

Mary Pickford, "America's Sweetheart," in her latest United Artist production, "The Love Light," will be the attraction at the Amuzu Theater Thursday.

"The Love Light" presents Miss Pickford in an entirely new part, and in an entirely different sort of a vehicle than she has had recently. The star plays the part of an Italian girl residing on the coast of sunny Italy, who after having given two brothers to the war, found that her supposedly American husband is a German spy and who later jumps from a cliff to his death rather than be taken prisoner, has her baby taken from her because people think she is crazy, at last finds happiness with the faithful village lover.

It is an extremely dramatic role and in it Miss Pickford demonstrates once again that she is America's great screen actress. In support of the star is a cast so perfect that the production might well be termed all star. There is plenty of good comedy provided, especially in the early reels, and a thrilling shipwreck scene. The story was written by Frances Marion, Miss Pickford's director for the production. The costuming and atmosphere provided are revelations in the art of picture making. It is scarcely believable that such a picture so perfect in every detail could have been made in America.

The engagement at the Amuzu is limited and patrons are advised to plan their visit well in advance of the last day of the showing.—adv.

Child Dies With Flux.

Freeling, Va., June 24.—The flux epidemic is still much in evidence at Isom, a little town two and one-half miles below here on Pound River. Caroline, the seven-year-old daughter of Lilbur Kelly, of that place, is the latest victim. Spencer Mullins, Mrs. Drusilla Kelly and Rolla Kelly are critically ill with this disease. Several new cases have developed within the past few days. It appears that medical treatment has failed to give results, so far.